

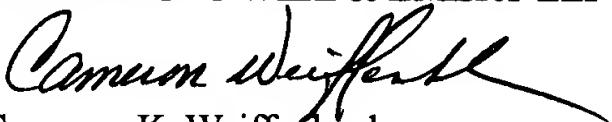
**REMARKS**

Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the foregoing proposed amendment to the claims and following remarks is respectfully requested. It is proposed to cancel claim 18, the only rejected claim in the application, without prejudice or disclaimer. The remaining claims in the application, claims 1-17 and 20, have been indicated as being allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, since all of the rejected claims have been canceled, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendment be entered and the application passed to issue.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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